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\* <u>USSR</u>: Soviet leaders seem to be adopting a harder line toward the US coincident with the arrival of Soviet military equipment in the DRV and the resumption of US air strikes against North Vietnam.

A 20 May TASS statement on President Johnson's V-E Day address of 7 May was one of Moscow's strongest attacks on the President to date. It seems intended to impress US policymakers with the USSR's intention to proceed with its program of military assistance to Hanoi. Soviet officials have recently made unusual efforts to convince US representatives of the extent of the Soviet Union's commitment to support North Vietnam in whatever course Hanoi decides upon.

The TASS statement is considerably stronger and more authoritative than Moscow's initial criticism of the President's State of the Union message last January. It reiterates the claim that US statements on improving relations with the USSR are incompatible with US "aggression" against other socialist countries.

Although TASS professed the Soviet Government's "readiness for serious negotiations to ease tensions," the statement concluded with the warning that the Soviet Union "is ready for any turn of developments." The tone of the statement indicates that the Soviet leaders are apparently prepared to accept further deterioration in US-Soviet relations.

The Soviet attack on the President's speech--which came after almost two weeks of relative silence on Moscow's part--was preceded in the 19 May Pravda by an authoritative "Observer" article which bitterly criticized US actions in the Dominican Republic. This article was in marked contrast to Moscow's earlier low-key and relatively meager commentary on Dominican events.

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Argentina: Senior Argentine military leaders are apparently angered by the government's delay in sending troops to the Dominican Republic. armed forces commanders reportedly have rejected a government proposal to dispatch a "fact-finding" mission to Santo Domingo, and apparently are still urging the government to send Argentine troops to support the Inter-American Armed Force.

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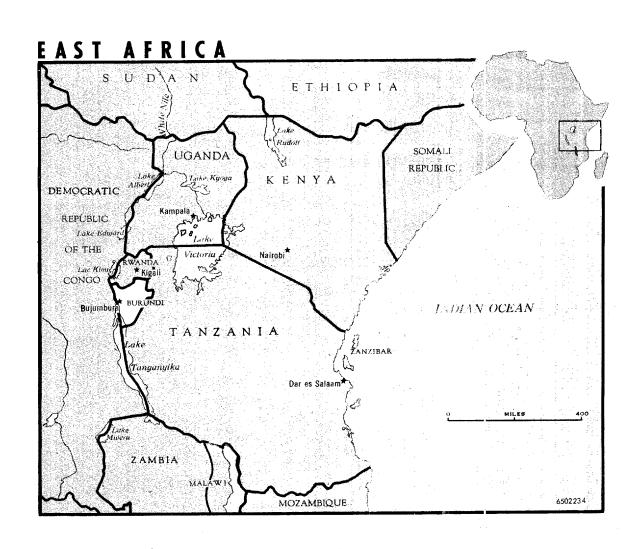
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.....unuquate a government proposal to dispatch a civilian-military "fact-finding" mission to Santo Domingo. They also charged that the public opposition to Argentine military involvement in the Dominican Republic is at least partly induced by the government itself.

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## NOTES

Burundi: A victory in last week's parliamentary elections by the generally pro-Western Hutus may provoke violence by members of the country's radical Tutsi minority. Having gained an ethnic majority in parliament for the first time, the Hutus may now break up the UPRONA Party through which they previously shared rule with the Tutsis, a development which some Tutsis are likely to resist.

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Colombia: /Communist subversion of university student demonstrations may lead to violence in several cities and perhaps precipitate another government crisis. President Valencia's administration has not fully recovered from the political crisis it went through earlier this month, and the military in particular will be keeping a close watch on the government's ability

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to maintain control.

\*Bolivia: An uneasy quiet prevails, during which time it appears that the government is making a determined effort to pick up all known agitators. Communists may seek reprisal actions for the arrest of some of their leaders and the deputy chief of the National Revolutionary Movement (MNR), who has collaborated closely with them. Leaders of the striking Bolivian Workers Confederation are not likely to get what they would regard as a satisfactory answer to demands they presented to General Ovando, who said he would pass them on to junta president Barrientos.

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